

Monday morning
Dec 10, 1956

Dear Dave:

Special delivery isn't what it used to be-- anyhow I just received your letter.


It was really heartwarming to hear from you in these terms--- I really do appreciate your having written in that way. Certainly one of the attractive features of Stanford would be the strength and congeniality of our association. I hope this doesn't sound paradoxical, but the main thing we might still miss there would be Ed himself. We've been very much upset by meagre news of his personal difficulties; we hope he'll be as happy in New York as we are sure he was for a long time at Stanford. I would, by the way, like to get in touch with Ed to discuss this with him. I gather he's not in Palo Alto-- do you know where he is these weeks?

Of course I want to have a ~~tete-a-tete~~ with you, and am planning to fly out at an early date -- I'm only waiting to hear from Twitty when would be most convenient for the department; I could make my own plans almost anytime after next Sunday. (His letter may be in the next mail).

Wisconsin has been such a comfortable "rut" that we were beginning to wonder whether we could be tempted by any reasonable bid elsewhere. I'd don't know how this will turn out, but it is the first of a number of possibilities in several years that sounds attractive enough to warrant putting your department and us to the trouble of more intimate discussions.

We'll be talking about these things at Palo Alto, and soon. Thanks again for your warm note -- for writing it, and for what it says. Say hello to Dot.

Sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg

*PS. To Twitty, I am sure if it is possible
when I see him I will give him the letter -
sincerely yours J.*